

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

My first amendment rights are something that I value highly. To me the right to free speech is just as much the right for me to speak as it is the right for me to listen. I am strongly opposed to the idea that I might only be able to listen to one viewpoint. The weakening of the cable ownership cap threatens my ability to educate myself, and in turn threatens my ability to be an effective citizen in society.